[Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan]

(*a*) whether the difficulties experienced by the ryots inhabiting the neighbourhood of Cherukole Nelpura on the northern side of the Kulakada river in Chennithala *pakuthi* owing to the devastation caused by the recent floods, have been brought to the notice of the Chief Engineer, or any of his subordinates;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the locality was inspected by any P. W. D. officer and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) or (*b*) is in the affirmative, the action taken thereafter ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No action was needed, as the bund put up by the department stood well.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Was it not found on inspection that the bund already put up was insufficient to prevent further devastation ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : So far as I am aware, no.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Was it reported that the bund was insufficient ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : No.

First grade clerks in Sub-Registry Offices.

92. ***MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names of first grade clerks in the Sub-Registry Offices who have put in more than 29 years of service in that capacity on 1-8-1108 and who have not yet been promoted as Head Clerks and

(*b*) the names of persons who have been promoted as Head Clerks since 1-8-1108 with their periods of service as first grade clerks ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*)

1 Mr. K Sankaralinga Aiyar
2 ,, V. Francis
3 ,, R. Naray[illegible]
4 ,, V. Pu[illegible]
5 ,, T. Ma[illegible]
6 ,, A. Velu [illegible]
7 ,, R. Parame[illegible]
8 ,, R. Nilakanta[illegible]

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(*b*)	1	Mr.	S. Nilakanta Pillai B. A.
	2	,,	O. C. Abraham B. A.
	3	,,	M. I. Samuel B. A.
	4	,,	N. Sundaram Aiyar B. A. & B. L.
	5	,,	Vaidyalinga Narayana Aiyar
	6	,,	Pothakanni Meeravu
	7	,,	R. Kesava Panikkar
	8	,,	P. Krishna Aiyar
	9	,,	R. Narayana Pillai
	10	,,	V. Narayana Pillai
	11	,,	N. Kesava Pillai
	12	,,	K. Velayudhan Pillai
	13	,,	N. Sivarama Pillai
	14	,,	K. Cheriyan B. A.
	15	,,	N. Parameswara Bhattatiri B. A.
	16	,,	Maria Michael Nadar
	17	,,	P. C. Gopala Pillai B. A.
	18	,,	M. Kesava Pillai
	19	,,	N Krishnan Nair B. A
	20	,,	K. Krishna Pillai
	21	,,	K. R. Krishnan Nair B. A.
	22	,,	V. Nilakanta Pillai

MR. A. S DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I have asked for their periods of service also.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Of the clerks whose names I have just now read out, none except Mr. K. R. Krishnan Nair and Mr. V. Nilakanta Pillai, had any period of service as first grade clerks, in the case of Mr. K. R. Krishnan Nair, the period of such service was 10 months and 20 days and in the case of Mr. Nilakanta Pillai it was 11 months and 24 days.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Am I to understand that there was no period of service at all in the case of the others?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know in what grade they started their services as clerks?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that now. In the Sub-Registrars' offices, there are, I believe, several grades of clerks.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. When one member is standing, the other member ought to resume his seat. Mr. Asan is still standing.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Except the last two gentlemen I have mentioned, none of the others in the list had any service in the first grade.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether they were second grade clerks when they were promoted as Head Clerks?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They might have been in the second or third grade; I cannot say that now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What was the reason for promoting second and third grade clerks as Head Clerks when first grade clerks were available?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The rule in the Registration Department is that, for appointments carrying a salary of Rs. 30 and above, the incumbent should have passed the departmental test. Those clerks in the lower grade, who have been promoted as Head Clerks, have passed the departmental test, while those in the higher grade have not.

Acting teachers in Girls' Schools.

93. ✻ MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any list is maintained in the office of the Chief Inspectress of Girls' Schools with regard to the persons who have acted as teachers of Girls' Schools in the order of their seniority;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether it is the date of first appointment that is considered in fixing the seniority;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether recruitments are made according to that list and if so the date of first appointment of the last recruit and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative, the basis on which the acting claims of applicants for posts are considered?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answers are in the affirmative.

(*c*) *First Part.* Yes.

Second Part. 2-12-1103.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

Remission of tax on Ayacut lands.

94. ✻ MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry I*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the sum that the Government would have had to remit if they had accepted the recommendation of the Assembly to effect a 25 per cent. reduction in the Ayacut tax for 1109 and

(*b*) the sum that has been actually remitted by the Government by the reduction of 12½ per cent. on the tax on wet lands?

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